GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2176
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2004
MASTHI COMMUNITY IN KERALA
Karunakaran Shri P.

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Masthi Community in Kerala in Kasargod District has been included in the list of Scheduled Tribe Community since 1951 and without any valid reasons they were rejected all benefits of ST since 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any representation in this regard;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to include them in the list of Scheduled Tribes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Ashram Schools for STs, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides construction grant to the State Govts. on 50:50 sharing basis. No grant is provided for computer Centres in these Ashram Schools.

(b) The Masthi community has not been included in the list of STs of Kerala.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.